



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2017-0012]

National Fall Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction; Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning the proposal to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the National Fall Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket

number for this Federal Register notice (OSHA-2017-0012). OSHA will place comments, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online.

Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates. For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled “SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seleda Perryman or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of the continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA’s estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

Falls are a leading cause of death for employees. According to 2019 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, falls accounted for 418 of the 1,061 construction fatalities, and 880 of the 5,333 fatalities in all recorded industries. The National Fall Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. The Stand-Down is the biggest safety outreach event ever conducted by the agency. OSHA has collaborated with countless industry leaders and employers over the last eight years to reach over 10 million workers during Stand-Downs.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;

The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply. For example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB approve the information collection requirements contained in the National Fall Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction (29 U.S.C. 669). In this information collection request, there are 4,500 respondents for an Occupational Health and Safety Specialists with 750 total burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: National Fall Safety Stand- Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0271.

Affected Public: Business or other for- profits.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: OSHA estimates an employer will take 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 750.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

IV. Public Participation – Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax) at (202) 693–1648; or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other materials must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2017–0012). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. Please note: While OSHA’s Docket Office is continuing to accept and process submissions by regular mail, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public and not able to receive submissions to the docket by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the agency can attach them to your comments.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 31, 2022.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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